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"Hawaii is the best place in the world to live in; climate, scenery, color, wind and atmosphere. Serenity and contentment are in the air. But seasons are different, crops are different, soils are different, and transportation is not yet fully developed. Yet there is no reason why men who can work and be content with 150 acres or less can not make a living. Slowly the farmer class is coming in. The planter class has reached its limit. What growth in population the territory makes must be in the former class and in the trade that follows the settling up of land with farmers.

"Some government land is now available for settlement, and is being rapidly taken up, but more will become available in a few years. Some of this land will grow sugar without irrigation. Some of it is irrigable land. The territorial hydrographic survey is studying the situation with the expectation of putting all possible public land under irrigation. This is a sort of territorial reclamation service with possibly some federal aid later. There are promising projects in sight. Hawaii needs white men—the class that is brainy enough to take up new ideas. Otherwise it will be impossible to keep out the nifty, far-sighted and energetic Jap. He sees the opportunities and is getting hold of all the land he can. But so far there are few Japanese owners of real estate. We who have fought to Americanize Hawaii for the last forty years hope that it is not all destined for the Jap alone.

"Transportation is the great question, and its solution lies with the Federal government. Hawaii needs a seaport on each island. To day Oahu has Honolulu. Hilo breakwater is nearing completion on Hawaii, the big island, Kahului on Maui is being improved and will be all that is necessary on that island. On Kauai one landing has been surveyed and the last congress appropriated money to survey others. The intention is to build breakwaters that shall form a safe harbor at least one place on the island. All these improvements will mean a new wave of progress. Each harbor will compel the building of railroads to connect it with the productive districts. Isolated districts where it is now difficult to reach, a market will be opened up and tempt the settler.

"Today stocks of all kinds are higher than ever. Dividends have been larger on every plantation and extra dividends not unusual. Hawaii has sold all her sugar at a high price. She has sold her pineapples and her preserves, the world is asking for more. Cotton, too, is now booming—not that Hawaii will ever raise much—there are no large areas, but the man who settles in a dry region can be sure of having a crop. The good times in Hawaii are attested by the fact that hundreds of her citizens are now traveling in Europe. The average income is exceedingly higher there always. The balance of trade is in favor of Hawaii and her rich men continue to invest in local enterprises. But while Kanakas live cheaper than other human beings, don't expect to have a bed of roses any more than you would find one ready made for you in Washington, Texas or New Mexico.

Japanese and other field hands

Kawaihau Team Files A Protest

The Kawaihau ball team has addressed the following protest in regard to the ball game played between their team and the Homesteads on the Kapaa grounds:

Kealia, Kauai.

May, 9, 1911.

To The Board of Directors,
Kauai Athletic Association,

Lihue, Kauai.

GENTLEMEN:

We respectfully wish to protest the baseball game between the Homestead and Kawaihau A. C. teams played at Kapaa, May 7, 1911, on the following counts.

1st. In the fifth inning, a K. A. C. player was on third base, when a ball was thrown which went among the spectators along the 50 foot or players line on the third base side.

One of the spectators picked up the ball and threw it to the Homestead catcher, who was at or near his own lines, the catcher threw it to the pitcher, who in turn threw it to the catcher, the umpire declaring the runner out without considering the fact that it had been a blocked ball as defined in Rule 37 of the Spalding Official B. B. Guide.

We admit that the proper procedure was taken by the Homestead players as to the return of the ball from catcher to pitcher, and pitcher to catcher again, who in turn touched our man before he made home, but claim that the time saved by the action of the spectator in throwing the ball to the catcher at his own position, was more than ample for our runner to have made home plate and a run.

2nd. In the eighth inning with a Homestead man on third base a batter made a hit to the infield and was put out at first base. The first baseman threw to home and the catcher touched the runner coming from third base before he reached home. The umpire declaring the runner safe. After the game the umpire Mr. George Ah Nee admitted that he had not seen the play as he was standing behind the pitcher and faced towards first base.

Witnesses from the outside generally conceded that the umpire's decision was wrong and the runner fairly out. We therefore respectfully claim the game by a score of 5 to 4 and ask that this protest be given your prompt attention and a decision given in our favor.

We are

Respectfully yours

JAMES W. W. BREWSTER.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Kawaihau A. C., by its Secretary.

get from sixty-five cents to seventy-five cents per day; white laborers more. But the chance for the white man is in the way of farming a small area of the dry, healthy, hill land, where, according to its moisture, he can grow cotton or pineapple or cane, and all the good fruits and vegetables that he can use. Imported goods, however, are dear. There is an attempt being made to regulate the somewhat excessive freight rates that exist between the islands. In the nature of things transportation is always high in out-of-the-way places. That will rapidly adjust itself as the country gets more fully settled. Congress recently amended the organic law as to land so as to facilitate settlement and bar out the speculator. Some recent Russian immigrants were disappointed with conditions, but the majority have settled down and are content.

"Everybody in Hawaii is prosperous, but the man that goes there with a little capital and looks around him first will get a better start than the penniless immigrant. Land is very variable in price, due to quality, accessibility and available water. It ranges all the way from say \$10 to \$500 per acre. There are no special diseases to be afraid of. Insects are not particularly numerous nor debilitating. And it has been tested to the fourth and fifth generation.

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